



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-13479-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 12.05.2025

Preety alias Preety Singla

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. K.K. Thakur and Ms. Komal Thakur, Advocates
for the petitioner

Mr. Amarpreet Singh Bains, AAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with her junior Amarjit, Principal i.e. respondent No.4, in view of the instructions dated 14.03.2017.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner, working as Principal, is seeking step up equal to that of juniors appointed against the reserved category posts, which they granted to certain employees vide orders dated 16.08.2022 and 23.04.2024, Annexure P-10 and P-11 respectively. In pursuance to CWP-26308-2022, instituted at the hands of similarly situated employees, the State passed an order on 20.03.2024, whereby their claims were accepted, subject to final outcome of the seniority list and the contempt proceedings, COCP-1142-2023 filed by them was disposed of vide order of even date. In this regard, a legal notice dated 22.07.2024, Annexure P-12, has been served upon the respondents, however, the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, on instructions prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound

manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer made.

3. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 22.07.2024, within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to her and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to her interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

12.05.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No